

REMARKS

Applicant cancels claims 1 and 3-5; therefore, claim 2 is the only claim pending in the application.

With regard to claim 2, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited prior art references discloses, teaches or suggest an armature for a dynamo-electric machine comprising the unique combination of features including, *inter alia*, a plurality of coil portions formed by simultaneously winding wires a plurality of turns around a pair of said slots separated by a predetermined number of said slots and offsetting each of said coil portions in the circumferential direction of said core, wherein a number of vacant slots between adjacent said coil portions is nonuniform (see claim 2).

In the Office Action, dated April 24, 2002, the Examiner alleges that Rabe discloses such a feature making a general reference to Rabe's Figs. 3-8 (see Id., page 4-5). Applicant respectfully disagrees because Rabe's Figs. 3-8 do not illustrate the number of slots between adjacent coil portions, let alone show or even remotely suggest that the number of vacant slots between adjacent said coil portions is nonuniform, as required by Applicant's claim 2.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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